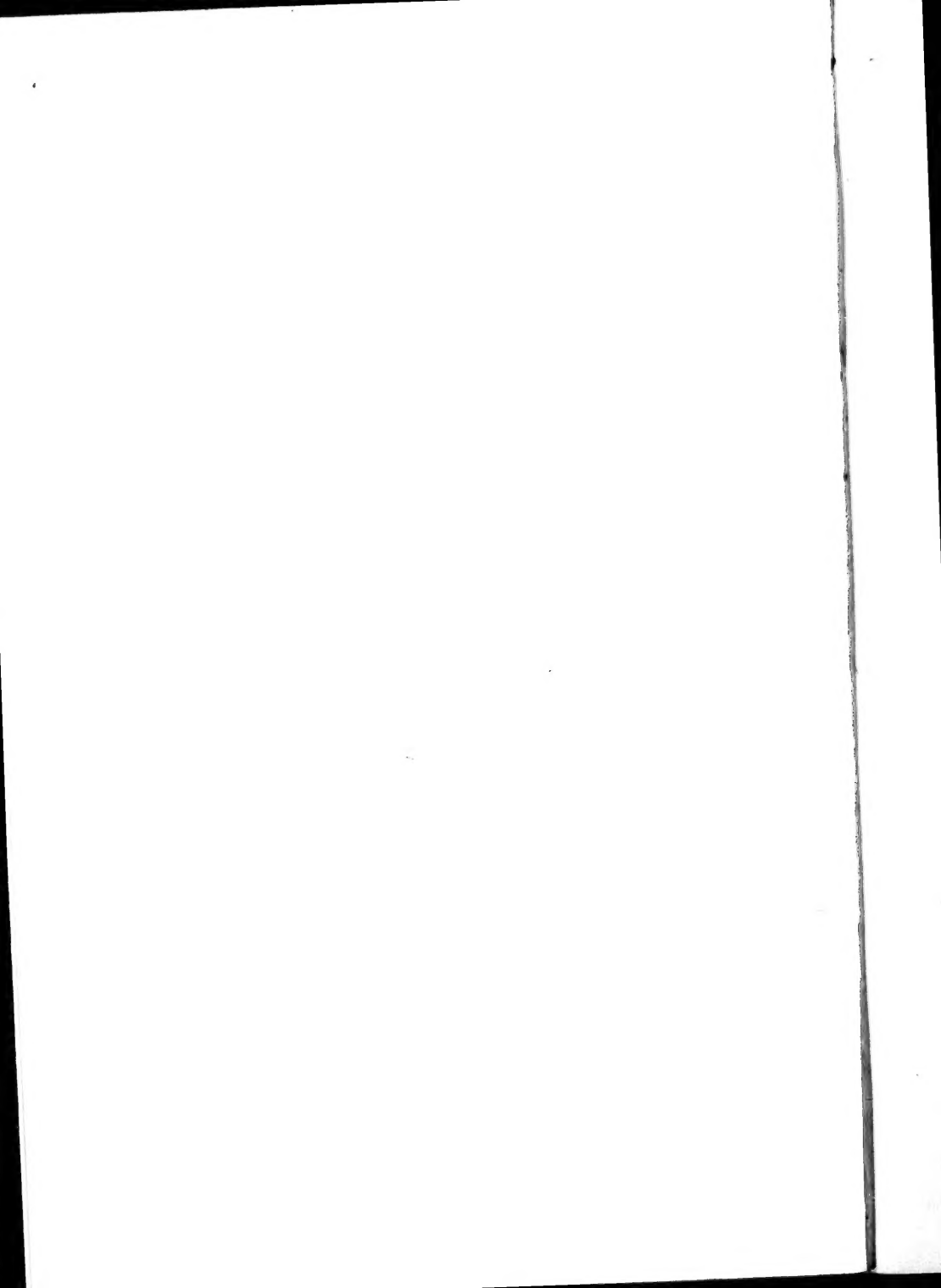




**THE**  
**AULD KIRK-YARD**

**FERGUS:**  
**IN IT, AND ABOUT IT.**

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**A. D. FORDYCE.**

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In the 'Auld-Kirkyard' (Saint Andrew's Church Burying-Ground Fergus,) there are 118 Tomb-Stones or Monuments: 109 of which are Head-stones, 4 Altar or flat raised stones, 4 are Obelisks, and one is a pillar, with inscriptions on each of its sides. A few of these require setting up, and a few are fractured. Whole or broken, the inscriptions are given.

Two of those who are commemorated, rest elsewhere : James Melvin a promising young man, son of Mrs W. Tytler—now residing in Elora, and Alexander Dyce Wilson, a brother of Mrs James Webster formerly of Fergus, now of Guelph.

The young man A. Duncan, whose death and its cause, are mentioned in the inscription on one of these stones, was not the only one laid here, who met his death in the same or a similar way. Alex. Hendry, a good mechanic and respectable man, whose death occurred as early as 1838, was also killed while chopping : Andrew Wood who with his brothers resided in Garafraxa, on the farm which passed into the hands of Mr John Gerrie, was killed by the falling of a tree. Being afflicted with deafness he was of course more exposed than others. His grave is immediately behind the Church : that of Hugh Little is just behind old Mr Kilpatrick's. He was in the employment of Mr Alex. Drysdale, who was working with him on his farm in Garafraxa at the time. The date of the two last mentioned melancholy events I am ignorant of.

The word '*Byd*' on the stone erected by the late Dr Gordon of Arthur to the memory of his wife & child, may be a family motto, corresponding to the old '*Bydand*' or 'abiding'.

An Altar Tombstone at the back of the Church, covering the remains of the late Mr John Watt, his father, and other relatives—is the only one on which armorial bearings are represented. To such as are familiar with Heraldic language, the following description will be intelligible:—‘Quarterly, 1st a tower or castle,—2nd three keys barways,—3d three arrows barways,—4th nine stars, four—two—two and one.’

The first to be laid in the Church-yard was a mill-wright James Duncan by name, who died very suddenly in 1835. Its next occupant was an infant, the first child born in Fergus—named on that account Adam Fergus Allan,—and entitled for the same reason to a village lot ; but destined, by not living over two months, to a better and more lasting inheritance.

This is all I think that requires explanation, with regard to what follows. For many years this Burying-Ground was almost the only one easily accessible to the settlers round about ; so that the number resting in it, is not to be estimated by the marks of respect to their memory in the tomb-stones erected. Latterly, the Elora or Salem Cemetery, with the Burying-Grounds at the Mc Kee Settlement in Garafraxa, and in Lower-Nichol,—have had their tenants from among the older settlers and their descendants. The associations called up by the records of the Church-yard, are, some very pleasant, others very painful. Of this, all are well aware—

Keep on the track, some seem to say, the strait and narrow road:

It leads through trials oftentimes, but always leads to God.

Beware of pitfalls others say, -and snares that line the road:

We left the track and wandered on—still farther off from God.

## NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS COMMEMORATED.

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Allan, Anderson, *Andrew*, Barnet, *Barron*, Bayne, Black, Brockie, Brown, Burns, Butchart, Cadenhead, Cardy, Clephane, *Cruickshank*, Cumming, Davey, Davidson, Dick, *Dingwall*, Dow, Drysdale, Duguid, Duncan, Edwards, Fergusson, Ferrier, *Florence*, Ford, Fordyce, Forrester, *Foyer*, Galbraith, Gall, Gardiner, Gerrie, Gibson, *Gilmour*, Gordon, Gow, Gray, Hay, Harvey, *Henderson*, Hendry, Hogg, Johnson, Johnst-n Kemp, Kennedy, Kilpatrick, *Kirkpatrick*, *Lillie*, *Lister*, *Mackay*, Maitland, Marshall, Mason, Melvin, Milne, Mitchell, Moffat, Morice, Muir, Munro, Murray, Mc Arthur, Mc Crorey, *Mc Clounie*, Mc Cutcheon, Mc Donald, McGillivray, *Mc Keever*, Mc Lellan, Mc Lean, Mc Phail, Nicklin, Paxton, Pearson, Perry, Powrie, Rae, Renny, *Richardson*, *Ridley*, Robertson, Ross, Sanderson, *Shaw*, Snortreed, Small, Smart, Smith, Smyth, *Stephen*, *Stewart*, Stuart, Tasker, Todd, *Touch*, Troup, Vickers, Walker, Watt, Wilkie, Wilson, Webster, Wright. [108 names in all.]

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## 'THE AULD KIRK-YAIRD !'

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"The Auld Kirk-yaird !—Ay,—bide a wee:—

It minds me o' the time

When some, now hirplin' doon the brae,

Were in their verra prime;

Lasses an' lads wha, han' in han',

Begude life's race thegither;

Syne, sinder'd mony a weary day,

Now rest by ane-anither.

Weans lyin' here death carried aff,

Afore they weel could prattle;

An' thochtless lads i' their mid-days,

Wha sud hae focht the battle.

Some lyin' here we aince kent weel,

By fa'in' trees ca'd ower:

If ca'd abune, wha'll say ow'r sune?—

Nor sin, nor sorrow, more !

Ah ! well-a-day—death has his way,

Wi' thochtless an' God-fearin'—

We may be sure he'll aiblins sune,

For you or me, be speirin'.

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AA: well today--death has his way

---Wissenschaft und Gottesdienst---

We may be sure that all siblings share

For you or me, be spending.

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## THE AULD KIRKYARD.

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Erected by Charles Allan and Grace his spouse  
In memory of their son Adam Fergus, who departed this life

July 2 1835 Æ. 2 mo.

Also of Mary their daughter, who departed this life

July 11 1837 Æ. 2 mo.

And their son David, who departed this life

July 29 1850 Æ. 6 yrs & 9 mo.

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In memory of Charles Allan of Elora  
Member of Parliament for the North Riding  
of Wellington, & formerly Warden of the County : who died  
at Hamilton on the 13th of Jan. 1859 in the 58th year of his age  
whose Remains here rest in hope.

Erected by his widow Grace Allan, who deeply mourns  
the loss of an affectionate husband, and the kind father  
of a sorrowing family.

Jemima their daughter died Nov. 28 1869, aged 31 years.

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In memory of David Allan  
Who died Jan. 30 1879, aged 80 years.  
Native of Perthshire Scotland.  
*'Tho' lost to sight—to memory dear.'*

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In memory of Francis Anderson who died  
Sep. 22 1857 Aet. 78 years.  
Also his wife Margaret Florence, died  
June 24 1847 Aet. 65 years.  
Also their son Alexander, died Jan. 18 1838 Aet. 20 years.  
Erected by their son James Anderson.

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## THE AULD KIRKYARD.

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Margaret Kirkpatrick wife of Matt. Anderson

died June 6 1862, aged 40 years.

Alexander son of the above, died July 9 1860 aged 4 mo. 3 ds.

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In memory of the children of Robert & Christina Anderson:

Francis Wm.

Ann

died Aug. 16 1856

died Aug. 29 1857

Æ 1 yr 7 mo.

Æ 1 yr 1 mo.

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Sacred to the memory of William Barnet  
who died March 30 1854 aged 73 years.

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*Gone home!*

In memory of Peter Bayne

who died Aug. 22 1860, aged 2 yrs 8 mo.

Helen died Jan. 26 1875 aged 15 years 24 days.

Children of George & Marjory Bayne.

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Erected by Hugh Black

In memory of his wife Elizabeth Gilmour

who died Nov. 3 1850—in her 72nd year :

Also of their son Alexander who died Nov. 6 1838  
in his 17th year.

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Sacred to the memory of Hugh Black

a native of Ayrshire Scotland,

who emigrated with his family to Canada in 1834,

and died February 28 1855 aged 77 years.

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## THE AULD KIRKYARD.

In memory of Isabella sister to John Brockie

who died Oct. 2 1853, aged 51 years :

Also Thomas son of John & Catharine Brockie,

died Oct. 10 1848, aged 17 yrs & 9 mo.

In memory of John Brockie who died Dec. 27 1873 aged 76 yrs

Also Catharine Barron wife of the above, died Dec. 9 1873

aged 70 years.

Natives of Aberdeenshire Scotland.

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Sacred to the memory of Mary Mackay spouse of P. Brown,

who died at Fergus 20 November 1839, aged 38 years.

Erected by a beloved husband and an affectionate family.

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*Gone so soon !*

*Gone home.*

Children of Andrew and Ellen Burns.

Margaret

Andrew

died Oct. 22 1836

died Mar. 28 1862

aged 6 years.

aged 27 years.

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In memory of Peter Butchart,

who died Nov. 10 1855 aged 67 years.

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J.B.C.

J.S.C.

born Feb. 21 1862

born Feb. 16 1855

died Feb. 12 1864,

died Aug. 11 1855

Children of Alexander and Mary Cadenhead

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## THE AULD KIRKYARD.

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Jno Cadenhead son of Brebner & J. Cadenhead,  
died March 1 1866 aged 12 years.

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Hugh son of William & Jane Cardy  
died Aug. 13 1856 aged 6 years ;—also David  
died Mar. 12 1865 aged 4 years ;—Sarah died  
Feb. 20 1867 æ 1 year 8 mo ;—also David died  
Apr. 14 1867 aged 9 mo.

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In memory of  
George eldest son of Andrew Clephane Esq.  
late Sheriff of Fifeshire, Scotland.  
Ob. 2 May 1851 æ 32

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Archibald Cumming—a native of Aberdeenshire Scotland  
Came to Canada A.D. 1836.  
Bought a property in the Township of Nichol,  
where he lived much respected—and died Feb. 26 1853  
deeply regretted by all who knew him : æ 65 years.  
Erected by his family.

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Margaret Davey  
died Feb. 26 1870 aged 24 years.  
*Sleep on my dear in calm repose,  
Though parted now a-while:  
In yonder realm we'll join to praise,  
And greet your happy smile.*

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## THE AULD KIRKYARD.

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In memory of James Davidson who died Feb. 28 1860,  
aged 60 years :  
Native of Aberdeenshire Scotland.

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Erected by John Dick to the memory  
of his brother Thomas Dick, who departed this life

Dec. 14 1857 aged 34 yrs 9 mos & 20 days.

*Dear is the spot where Christians sleep,  
And sweet the strains their spirits pour:*

*O—why should we in anguish weep?*

*They are not lost but gone before!*

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Thomas son of Peter & Agnes Dow  
died Aug. 24 1862 aged 2 yrs 8 mos.

*Suffer little children to come unto Me & forbid them not  
for, of such is the Kingdom of God."*

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*Asleep in Jesus.*

Two infant children of Alex. & Janet Drysdale.

Elizabeth Agnes born Jan. 13 and died Aug. 13 1848  
also an infant son born June 1860.

*"It is well."*

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Barbara wife of James Duguid

died Nov. 21 1862 aged 63 years.

Elizabeth dau. of the above, died Nov. 15 1836  
aged 2 yrs 3 mo.

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## THE AULD KIRKYARD.

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Isabella Duguid died July 24 1870  
aged 74 years.

Jane Duguid died Dec. 27 1874, aged 85 years.

*Kind angels watch their sleeping dust,  
Till Jesus comes, to raise the just:  
Then may they wake with sweet surprise,  
And, in their Saviour's image rise!*

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*"Nearer my God, to Thee!"*

Sacred to the memory of Alexander, beloved son of  
John & Elizabeth Duncan,  
who was killed by the falling of a tree  
Feb. 16 1876 aged 25 years.

*"In the midst of life, we are in death."*

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| also                         | also                        |
| John Duncan                  | Ann Duncan                  |
| died in infancy June 29 1854 | died in infancy July 1 1854 |
| aged 1 yr 11 mos 5 days.     | aged 2 mos 21 days.         |

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In memory of James Edwards  
one of the first settlers in Fergus, who died  
Sep. 28 1853 aged 60 years.  
Erected by James Walker.

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David Blair Fergusson  
3d son of the Hon. Adam Fergusson,  
Born Feb. 1817, died Aug. 1855.

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THE AULD KIRKYARD.

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In memory of Neil Legge Fergusson,  
born May 7 1863—died Janry 4 1866 :  
aged 2 years & 8 mos.

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Neil L. Fergusson  
born April 20 1866—died 17 Nov. 1866 ;  
aged 6 mos & 28 ds.  
*'Gone so soon!'*

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In memory of Rebecca Herriot Fergusson,  
born April 19 1865 :  
died Oct. 19 1865, aged 6 mos.

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In memory of Magdalene,  
wife of A. D. Ferrier Esq. of Fergus : third dau. of the late  
A. D. Fordyce Esq. of the same place.  
She departed this life for a better Sept. 13 1872  
aged 46.

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*"The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then  
peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated: full of mercy  
& good fruits, without partiality & without hypocrisy."*  
*James, III 17.*

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Edward Ford died Feb. 3 1857, aged 65 years.  
Isabella wife of the above, died Mar. 11 1862 aged 65 years.  
Natives of Aberdeen Scotland.  
Erected by their son Edward Ford.

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## THE AULD KIRKYARD.

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In memory of Elizabeth beloved wife of Edward Ford,  
who died Jan. 13 1873 aged 49 years & 8 mos.

*Jesus has called the mother home,  
Her flesh lies mouldering in the tomb:  
God grant her offspring may be blest,  
And meet her in eternal rest!*

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In memory of Edward Ford,  
who died Nov. 30 1876 aged 56 years & 10 mos.

*A faithful friend, a husband dear,  
A tender parent lieth here;  
Great is the loss we here sustain,  
But hope, in Heaven to meet again.*

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Sacred to the memory of Alex. Dingwall Fordyce Esq.  
He was born Feb. 7 1786, in the City of Aberdeen Scotland,  
and died Feb. 23 1852, at Belsyde Fergus.

*"Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep,  
From which none ever wake to weep."*

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Here lie interred the Remains of  
Magdalene Dingwall, wife of Alexander Dingwall Fordyce Esq.  
Warden of the Wellington District.

She was born at Aberdeen Scotland, 15 Feb. 1786 ;  
and died at Belleside Fergus, 24 February 1846.

*'Jesus said unto her- Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall  
give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him  
shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.'*

*S. John: 4, 14.*

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THE AULD KIRKYARD.

Sacred to the memory of  
Isabella Scott wife of Andrew Forrester,  
who died May 10 1873—aged 46 years.  
Margaret their daughter died Nov. 29 1855, aged 2 yrs 3 mos :  
also William died Sept. 13 1868 aged 3 yrs 1 mo.

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In memory of Thomas Forrester  
who died May 7 1854 aged 38 years.

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*Farewell!*

In memory of Janet Foyer beloved wife of David Galbraith,  
who died July 26 1874 aged 87 years :  
also their son William who died Dec. 25 1855, aged 36 years,  
Robert who died Aug. 22 1862, aged 30 years.

*God gave, He took, He will restore:  
He doeth all things well."*

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Mary Hogg beloved wife of Alex. Gall died March 17 1851  
aged 74 years.

Jane Gall beloved wife of John Stephen died April 12 1872,  
aged 56 years.

James Gall died May 3 1873 aged 64 years.

Elizabeth Gall died Oct. 30 1880 aged 68 years.

Natives of Kincardineshire Scotland.

*"We leave the world without a tear,  
Save for the friends we held so dear:  
To heal their sorrows, Lord, descend—  
And, to the friendless, prove a friend."*

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## THE AULD KIRKYARD.

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To the memory of the Rev. Alexander Gardiner, First Pastor  
of St Andrew's Church, Fergus :  
who died on the 13 December 1841 in the 36 year of his age,  
and the 5th of his Ministry.  
This Stone placed here by the Members of his Congregation.

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In memory of Christian Touch,  
born March 14 1814 : died January 7th 1857.  
Erected by John Gerrie her affectionate husband.

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In memory of Joseph Gibson,  
who died in Garafraxa, March 23 1867 aged 44 years :  
also of Mary Mc Keever his beloved wife, aged 36 years.  
Natives of Clontibret Co. Monaghan, Ireland.

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Erected to the memory of Ann, the beloved wife of  
J. H. Gordon Surgeon R. N. of the Township of Arthur,  
who died March 11 1851 æ 35 years.  
Also her infant son John.

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Sacred to the memory of  
Wm Alexander, son of Robert & Margaret J. Gow :  
died Jan. 30 1861 aged 5 yrs 3 mos.  
*This blooming rose did fade away,  
To blossom in eternal day.*

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THE AULD KIRKYARD.

In memory of Margaret Jane beloved wife of Robert Gow,  
who died July 7 1874 aged 36 years.

Erected by their sons Robert and Walter.

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Barbara Andrew wife of George Gray,  
died May 22 1851 —Æ 57 years.

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To the memory of  
Angelica Elizabeth Harvey:  
born April 26 1843 died May 13 1855.

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In memory of Wm Hay who died Oct. 15 1858,  
Æ 65 years :  
a native of Banffshire Scotland.

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Isabella Henderson wife of Wm Hay,  
died July 27 1855 Æ 52 years.

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In memory of Alexander Hendry who died March 1 1838,  
aged 46 years 6 mos and 15 days.

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Erected in memory of  
David son of Andrew & Elizabeth Johnston, who died  
August 19 1854 aged 27 years.  
Also Elizabeth Paxton died August 14 1854 aged 15 years.

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## THE AULD KIRKYARD.

In memory of Robt Johnston who departed this life  
Sep. 24 1856 Æ 32 yrs & 7 mos.

*Sleep on dear brother & take thy rest,  
For God hath called when He thought best:  
The loss is great that we sustain,  
In Heaven we hope to meet again.*

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In memory of  
Robert Johnston, died 28 March 1862 aged 49 years.

*A faithful friend, a husband dear,  
A tender parent lieth here.  
Great is the loss we here sustain,  
But hope, in Heaven to meet again.*

Also John T. Kerr died 26 Sept. 1862 aged 26 years.

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In memory of Nancy wife of William Johnson,  
died 16 Oct. 1864 aged 66 years.

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In memory of  
William Kemp who died July 31 1865 aged 32 years :  
also Children of the above :  
Charles died Sept. 13 1864 aged 15 mos.  
Willimenia died March 23 1866 aged 11 mos & 14 ds.

*Then let our sorrows cease to flow,  
God has recalled his own—  
But, let our hearts in every woe,  
Still say,—‘Thy will be done.’*

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In memory of

John Kennedy who died Sep. 28 1858 aged 53 years :  
a native of Tyree Argyleshire Scotland.

*A faithful friend, a companion dear,  
A tender parent lieth here :  
Great is the loss we here sustain,  
But hope, in Heaven to meet again.*

In memory of Elizabeth wife of William Kilpatrick, who died  
July 15 1847 aged 57 years.

Francis Maitland died April 28 1857 aged 56 years.  
Also his mother-in-law Jane Cruikshank died Sep. 9 1838 :  
aged 78 years :  
natives of Aberdeenshire Scotland.

John Marshall died Jan. 28 1861 :  
aged 59 years.

Mary Ridley beloved wife of John Mason, died May 20 1863 :  
aged 70 years.

John Mason died June 17 1871 aged 81 years.

*'I am the Resurrection and the Life.'*

In memory of Robert Melvin who died Dec. 6 1835 æ 30 years.  
Also his only son James who died at New-York Dec. 15 1855,  
interred in Greenwood Cemetery on the 17th æ 21 yrs 10 mos.

## THE AULD KIRKYARD.

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*Gone so soon!*

Fairly son of Fairly and Isabella Milne, died 2 July 1858,  
aged 15 yrs 9 mos.

*Oh sacred grave! What precious dust  
Is here committed to thy trust;  
But Oh! the soul is fled on high,  
To bloom forever, in the sky.*

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Sacred to the memory of  
Isabella, daughter of James & Mary Milne  
who died Feb. 20 1857—Æ 11 mos.

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In memory of Barbara wife of Andrew Mitchell,  
who died Feb. 12 1855 aged 36 years.

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In memory of Andw Mitchell who died Oct. 8 1862,  
aged 57 years 5 mos.

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Agnes

daughter of John & Agnes Moffat died Sep. 14 1867.  
Æ 1 yr 4 mos & 14 ds.

*This lovely bud, so young and fair,  
Called hence by early doom—*

*Just came to show how sweet a flower  
In Paradise could bloom.*

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In memory of  
John Moffat who died Nov. 26 1856 aged 69 years.  
Susan beloved wife of the above, died April 8 1872—  
aged 85 years & 9 mos.

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In memory of  
David Morice : died 15 June 1852 aged 67 years.  
William his son, died 24 Jan. 1863 aged 34 years.  
Natives of Kincardineshire Scotland.  
*Gone, but not forgotten.*

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George Muir died Dec. 25 1855, aged 72 years.  
Jean his wife, died June 21 1863, aged 62 years.  
George their son, died May 20 1850  
aged 29 years.  
Helen dau. of the above & wife of Alex. Lillie,—  
died Nov. 9 1850 aged 31 years.  
Natives of Aberdeenshire Scotland.

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In memory of  
John Munro who died 23 July 1866 aged 82 years,  
a native of Banffshire Scotland.  
*Then, let our sorrows cease to flow—  
God has recalled His own:  
But let our hearts in every woe,  
Still say,—‘Thy will be done.’*  
Also Elizabeth his beloved wife, died May 8 1870,  
aged 86 years 9 mos.

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## THE AULD KIRKYARD.

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*Gone home!*

In memory of David son of Wm & Jennet Murray :  
died 20 Jan. 1862  $\text{Æ}$  4 yrs 10 mos.

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*Gone home!*

John son of Arch. & Margt Mc Arthur, died 20 Sep. 1852,  
aged 7 yrs,  
a native of Argyleshire Scotland.

*We loved this tender little one,  
And would have wished him stay:  
But—let our Father's will be done,  
He shines in endless day!*

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In memory of

William Mc Crorey who died June 16 1856 aged 56 years :  
also Jane beloved wife of the above, who died  
Jan. 1 1878 aged 77 years :  
also Catharine Rea, beloved dau. of Henry & Jane Mc Crorey,  
who died Oct. 6 1874  $\text{Æ}$  5 mos & 15 ds.

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James Mc Cutcheon  
died

Dec. 21 1865  
aged  
77 years.

Natives of Co. Fermanagh Ireland.

Mary Kennedy  
wife of

James Mc Cutcheon  
died Dec. 10 1858  
aged 72 years.

Erected by John their son.

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Sacred to the memory of  
Donald Macdonald, who died at Elora September 14 1860,  
aged 32 years & 8 months :  
a native of Strathdon Aberdeenshire, Scotland.  
Also his son Charles Allan—died Jan. 10 1859  
Æ 8 months & 13 days.

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*“He that believeth in Me, though he were dead,  
yet shall he live.”*

In memory of two beloved children of  
Donald & Helen Mc Donald  
Mary Matheson died 2 June 1865 aged 5 years 13 days :  
Helen Mary Ann died 15 April 1871 aged 14 yrs 9 mos.  
*“In life, beloved—in death, lamented.”*

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Robt Mc Gillivray died Feb. 30 1854 aged 41 years :  
a native of Nairnshire Scotland.

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In memory of Flora Mc Donald wife of John Mc Lean,  
a native of Tyree, Argyleshire Scotland :  
who died Jan. 1 1852 aged 48 yrs 6 hours.  
*Yet again we hope to meet thee,  
When the day of life is fled:  
There in Heaven, with joy to greet thee;  
Where no farewell tear is shed.*

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## THE AULD KIRKYARD.

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Sacred to the memory of Ivie Mc Lellan,  
who died in Nichol June 3 1859 aged 35 years :  
a native of Kells, Kirkcudbrightshire Scotland.

Erected by his widow Mary Mc Clounie,  
to mark the place where his body lies, in hope of a  
blessed resurrection.

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In memory of  
John Mc Phail who died Oct. 31 1867 aged 87 years :  
also Anne wife of Robt Powrie, & dau. of the above died  
Aug. 5 1861 aged 37 years.

*They're gone to dwell with saints above,  
And rest in God's eternal love.*

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Sacred to the memory of  
Phoebe beloved wife of James Nicklin, who departed this life,  
Dec. 2 1870 aged 74 years.

Native of Gloucestershire England.  
*In death's cold arms lie sleeping here,  
A tender parent, a companion dear:  
In love, she lived—in peace, she died:  
Her life was asked, but was denied.*

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Sacred to the memory of James Nicklin—native of Devonshire  
England, who departed this life April 18 1873 aged 80 yrs.

*The winter of trouble is past,  
The storms of affliction are o'er:  
His struggles are ended at last,  
And sorrow & death are no more.*

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THE AULD KIRKYARD.

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In memory of J. A. Paxton,  
who died Jan. 2 1871, aged 2 yrs 9 mos 8 ds.

*Suffer little children to come unto Me & forbid them not.'*

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Thomas Pearson died Jan. 7 1864, aged 43 years.

Anne Pearson died Mar. 5 1875, aged 79 years

*Asleep in Jesus! blessed sleep,  
From which none ever wake to weep—  
A calm and undisturbed repose,  
Unbroken by the last of foes.*

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James Perry died Aug. 22 1861 aged 59 years.

Children of the above :

Hugh died Nov. 30 1854, aged 17 years :

Christina died September 1 1853, aged 1 year 9 mos.

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In memory of Adam Rae  
who died July 14 1857  $\text{Æ}$  1 yr 5 mos & 17 ds.

*This lovely bud, so young and fair,  
Has gone to Heaven, to blossom there.*

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Sacred to the memory of William Renny Esq.  
son of Alexander Renny Tailour Esq.  
of Borrowfield County of Forfar, Scotland :  
who departed this life October 14 1839, aged 25 years.  
Highly esteemed and regretted.

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## THE AULD KIRKYARD.

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In memory of

George Robertson—died 5 April 1865, aged 52 years.

*A faithful friend, a husband dear,  
A tender parent lieth here:  
Great is the loss we here sustain,  
But hope, in Heaven to meet again.*

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Janet Gerrie beloved wife of James Robertson, died  
July 22 1849, aged 40 years.

*Gone, but not forgotten.*

Joseph David son of Thomas & Margaret Lister,  
died Aug. 26 1874, aged 2 years & 4 mos.

*We loved this tender little one,  
And would have wished him stay:  
But, let our Father's will be done,  
He shines in endless day.*

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James Rose

died Sep. 19 1850 æ 52 years

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In memory of Elizabeth Hardwicke Ross,  
of Kildalloig, Argyleshire Scotland—

Died Jan. 22 1860.

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THE AULD KIRKYARD.

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In memory of Jane Stewart wife of James Ross:  
died Sep. 17 1867, aged 43 years :  
also of Thomas & Alexander, infants of the above.

*Hark! Angels whisper me away,  
My Partner dear,—Adieu!  
In the sweet realms of endless day,  
Our love we will renew.*

Native of Dundee Scotland.

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Elizabeth dau. of Wm & Elizabeth Sanderson,  
died 30 May 1854, aged 11 years 5 mos 11 days.

*Friends or physician could not save  
This mortal body from the grave:  
Nor can the grave confine it here,  
When Christ our Saviour, shall appear.*

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In memory of Elizabeth beloved wife of Wm Sanderson,  
Garafraxa :  
who died Oct. 29 1870, aged 53 years 10 mos 11 ds.

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Children of Robert & Elizabeth Shortreed :  
Robert Henry died April 3 1861—aged 14 months :  
An infant daughter died Mar. 23 1862 aged 3 days.

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William Small died Jan. 6 1859 aged 50 years :  
native of Kinross-shire Scotland.  
*The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away—  
blessed be the name of the Lord.*

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## THE AULD KIRKYARD.

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In memory of

John Smart of Nichol, who died Jan. 15 1858 aged 63 years :  
also Janet Richardson wife of the above, who died

July 15 1873 aged 73 years.

*Dearest parent, thou hast left us,  
Here, thy loss we deeply feel:  
But, 'tis God that has bereft us,  
He can all our sorrows heal.*

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In memory of Elizabeth Stephen, wife of David Smith :  
who died Sept. 18 1862 aged 61 years.

*A faithful friend, a wife most dear,  
A tender mother lieth here:  
Great is the loss we here sustain—  
But hope, in Heaven to meet again.*

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In memory of Alex Smyth, School-Teacher,  
a native of the North of Ireland & late of Frederickton N. B.  
who died May 24 1860, aged 27 years 5 mos.

Erected by Friends & Acquaintances in this neighborhood.

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In memory of Sarah Pearson, beloved wife of Andrew Stuart:  
who died Feb. 10 1882 aged 27 years 10 mos 10 days.

*Friends or physician could not save  
This mortal body from the grave:  
Nor can the grave confine it here,  
When Christ our Saviour, shall appear.*

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THE AULD KIRKYARD.

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In memory of Isabella,  
third daughter of Robert Stewart of the Township of Mc Nab  
who died in Fergus—Jan. 23 1855, aged 23 years.

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In memory of  
John Tasker, a native of the County of Sussex, England—  
who died in Nichol April 7 1870, aged 69 years.

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Margaret, 1st wife of G. H. Todd, died May 13 1852—  
aged 21 years :

Jane, 2nd wife of G. H. Todd. died Aug. 27 1861—  
aged 30 years.

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Erected by Margaret Troup  
to the memory of her beloved husband William Troup,  
who died Oct. 28 1856, aged 33 years.

*The loving one I loved the best,  
Like music he is gone:  
And the wan moonlight bathes in rest,  
His monumental stone.*

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In memory of Susan M. dau. of George & Elsey Vickers,  
—died 17 Oct. 1852, aged 2 yrs 4 mos 25 days :  
John her brother, died 6 May 1867 aged 14 yrs 11 mos.

*Takewarning, by this call of youth:  
And, early seek the God of truth.*

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## THE AULD KIRKYARD.

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Sacred to the memory of Ann, the beloved wife of Alex. Walker,  
who died Nov. 7 1870, aged 77 years :  
a native of Forfarshire, Scotland.

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.*

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Alexander Walker died Aug. 16 1875,  
aged 78 years :  
native of Aberdeenshire, Scotland.

*"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow  
of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me;—  
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me."— Ps. 23, 4.*

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In memory of James Watt,  
long known as Manufacturer and Merchant in Kilwinning,  
Ayrshire, Scotland :  
died in Fergus May 14 1848, aged 84 years.

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John son of Alexander & Isabella Wilkie died Sept. 12 1848,  
aged 9 years & 8 mos :  
also Elsie died Aug. 18 1872, aged 21 years.

*Gone, but not forgotten !*

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In memory of John Wilkie, who died February 12 1859,  
aged 39 years.

*Gone, but not forgotten !*

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## THE AULD KIRKYARD.

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*"In memory ever dear."*

In memory of

Alexander Dyce, youngest child of George & May Agnes Wilson:  
who was drowned in the Bay of Sydney, N. S. W.  
on Christmas-Eve 1853—where his body still lies :  
aged 9 yrs & 11 mos.

*"God is love."*

In memory of

Elizabeth, third daughter of James & Margaret Webster:  
who died 1st of May 1853 after a sickness of 36 hours,  
from Scarlet Fever—aged 9 years & 4 months.

*Ere sin could blight, or sorrow fade,  
Death came with friendly care:  
The opening buds to Heaven convey'd,  
And bade them blossom there.*

'It is not the will of your Father which is in Heaven,  
that one of these little ones should perish.'

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George Russel Wilson

son of William & Janet Wilson,  
died May 7 1863—aged 35 years.

*"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."*

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## THE AULD KIRKYARD.

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In memory of

William Wilson : died 10 Sept. 1857 aged 73 years.

Sarah Shaw his wife, died 7 March 1857 aged 69 years.

Sarah their daughter, died 22nd March 1859

aged 22 years 3 months.

Natives of Scotland.

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Sacred to the memory of

John son of John & Jean Wright of the Township of King,

who died Jan. 8 1856  $\text{Æ}$  27 years.

*To the dreary grave consigned,*

*Man sleeps in death's dark gloom:*

*Until the eternal morn shall wake*

*The slumbers of the tomb.*

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Jane Wright wife of Peter Wright

died March 22 1866, aged 31 years 2 months :

also Elizabeth their daughter died Feb. 21 1864,

aged 5 months.

*In death's cold arms lie sleeping here,*

*A tender parent, a companion dear:*

*In love she lived, in peace she died—*

*Her life was asked, but was denied.*

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## SUPPLEMENTARY.

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1. Occupants or Holders of the Burying-Ground Lots (not necessarily individuals who are laid there ;)— as the names are to be found on the plan : number of lots being 147 mostly  $15 \times 7\frac{1}{2}$  feet in size, the charge for each being \$4. Many of the lots were subdivided in later years, in the part farthest from the Church.
  2. Mr J. McQueen had charge of the ground originally, and was commissioned in February 1837 to look out for a Church-Officer, with whose duties in that line, those of Grave-digger should be combined. This resulted in the appointment of George Matthews an old soldier, one of the first residents of Fergus. He was succeeded if I am not mistaken, by James Edward another of the very early settlers, whose name will be found in these pages, among those he had laid to rest.
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# OCCUPANTS: AS THE NAMES APPEAR ON THE PLAN.

|                  |                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Allan Andrew     | Cumming Alex.    | Gerrie Andrew    |
| .. Charles       | .. Arch.         | .. Joseph        |
| .. David         | Currie John      | .. William       |
| .. Robert        | Dalgarno Mrs     | Gibson Joseph    |
| Anderson Fras    | Davidson James   | .. William       |
| .. Matthew       | Davie J.         | Gill James       |
| .. Robert        | Deans J.         | Gordon Thos      |
| Barnet A & P.    | .. John          | Gow Robert       |
| Bayne John       | Dick John        | Gray George      |
| Bernard Mat.     | Dickson J.       | Grindlay James   |
| Black Hugh       | Dow James        | Hamilton Alex.   |
| Boyd Thomas      | .. Peter         | .. G.C.          |
| Bridgefurd J. S. | Duffus George    | Hardy Henry      |
| Brown John       | Duguid James     | Harvey Alex.     |
| .. Peter         | Dunbar Robert    | Hatcher Jas C.   |
| Buchanan J.      | Duncan John      | Hay William      |
| Bunkard Mrs      | Dunlop Robert    | Henry Mrs        |
| Burns Andrew     | Edgar Robert     | Hornby Willm     |
| Burr James       | Edward James     | Hunter James     |
| Butchart Peter   | Fergusson Hon. A | Irving Thomas    |
| Cadenhead A.S.   | Ferrier A. D.    | Jackson Jonas    |
| .. B.            | Findlay Wm       | .. M.J.          |
| Cannon James     | Ford Edward      | Jamieson George  |
| Cardy William    | Fordyce A. D.    | Johnson George   |
| Cattanach Jas    | Forrest Andrew   | Johnston Robert  |
| Christison Dr    | Forrester And.   | Kemp John        |
| Clark John       | .. Thos          | Kilby Joseph     |
| Clephane Geo.    | Frame Thomas     | Kilpatrick Wm    |
| Cordiner Arth.   | Fraser Hugh      | Leslie George    |
| Crocket John     | Galbraith Wm     | Low Charles      |
| Cruickshank W    | Gardiner Rev. A. | Maitland Francis |
| Cull Harvey      | Garvin Robert    | Marshall Mrs     |

# OCCUPANTS: AS THE NAMES APPEAR ON THE PLAN.

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|---------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| ew      | Martin Angus    | McLaren Peter      | Smith David      |
| h       | .. James        | McLellan Ivie      | .. Jas L.        |
| am      | Mennie Alex.    | McLeod John        | Smyth Alex.      |
| ph      | .. James        | McLister M         | Spalding W & J.  |
| iam     | .. John         | McQueen James      | Stephen John     |
| os      | Michie Charles  | Nicklin James      | Stewart George   |
| t       | .. Henry        | Paterson Arch.     | Talbert John     |
| ge      | Mills Matthew   | Pearson J. & C.    | Thomson And.     |
| ames    | Milne Charles   | Perry James        | .. H.            |
| Alex.   | .. Fairley      | Peter Robert       | .. John          |
| G. C.   | .. James        | Pirie George       | Todd G. H.       |
| ry      | Mitchell And.   | Powrie Robert      | Tolmie Henry     |
| ex.     | Moffat John     | Rae James          | Tytler Mrs W.    |
| s C.    | Morice David    | .. Thomas          | Valentine T. W.  |
| am      | Muir George     | Reid James         | Vickers George   |
| s       | Munro John      | Renny William      | Walker J.        |
| illm    | Murray A.       | Rich-dson J, A, T. | Watt John        |
| nes     | .. James        | Robertson John     | Wilkie Alex Senr |
| omas    | .. Wm           | Ross James         | .. Alex Junr     |
| nas     | Mutch William   | .. James & Ar.     | .. George        |
| .J.     | Mc Colm Chas    | .. John            | .. ..            |
| George  | Mc Crorey Wm    | Russell J.         | .. John          |
| George  | Mc Cutcheon J.  | Sanderson Wm       | .. John Junr     |
| Robert  | Mc Donald A.    | Sandy William      | Williams George  |
| n       | .. Don          | Scott Robert       | Wilson James     |
| ph      | .. Don          | Shand W. W.        | .. John          |
| Wm      | .. J.           | Shaw John          | .. William       |
| orge    | Mc Farlane C.   | Shortreed Robert   | .. ..            |
| les     | Mc Gavin Jas    | Skene George       | Wood Andrew      |
| Francis | Mc Gillivray R. | Slater John        | .. James         |
| Mrs     | Mc Innes A.     | Small William      | Wright Peter     |
|         | Mc Kerlie Dav.  | Smart John         | Young William    |

## BURYING GROUND, WALL, &c.

When the site of a Church was set apart in Fergus for the Presbyterian population, of which almost the whole of the small number of settlers was then composed,—a Burying-Ground was included which was afterwards enlarged to its present size, and enclosed by a stone wall in the year 1850. Previously it had simply a picket-fence round it, which was constantly needing repair ; but, by sale of Burying-Ground lots and a grant from the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, the wall was erected at the cost if I remember right, of about \$400 : an amount corresponding very nearly to the cost of the iron railing, which was put up in the year 1877—through the exertions of the Ladies' Aid Society of Saint-Andrew's Church, in front of the Church Edifice.

David Smith one of the original settlers, was the mason employed to build the Church-Yard wall. He had been a dyker in Scotland, and did the work very satisfactorily ; the wall to this day doing credit to his skill and faithfulness. I am not sure but William Logan had also a hand in the work.

From the commencement, that part of the Church-Yard alongside the Eastern boundary was reserved for strangers, and here, a number of the Highlanders who came to Fergus in or about 1849, were laid then and occasionally since. Holders of Burying-Ground lots, have on a few occasions, been appealed to for assistance to put the ground in order ; some have done their part, but it has been almost wholly by

the exertions of one or two, that it has not been allowed to get into a wilderness state. It has never been all that could be desired ;—but, it has never on the other hand, been altogether neglected. Since the Belleside Cemetery was opened about twenty years ago, a few of those whose relatives had originally been laid in the old Church-Yard, have had their remains moved there : the lots in the first Burying-Ground had by that time been all taken up ; and in recent years, the number of interments has been comparatively small. When those still in life who feel a strong attachment to it, and take a special interest in it, have been laid beside their kindred—the old Church-Yard will probably be entirely disused.

On this account it seemed desirable, before inscriptions on the stones marking the resting-places of this & that one, were obliterated,—to get them transcribed, and by means of this give a further opportunity for their preservation, for the satisfaction of those who count the spot sacred, from its association with those who have gone but are not forgotten.

A list is prefixed, of those who from time to time took up lots in the Burying-Ground, or, for whom they were taken up by others. In this connection it is necessary to observe—that several of those who originally held lots, having moved to a distance, transferred their interest to others, or allowed others to make use of part of their ground,—which accounts for names appearing on the stones, which have no place in the list of holders or occupants, as they appear on the Plan.